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Applicants: Kubota

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Examiner: Bernatz, Kevin M.

Title: SOFT MAGNETIC UNDERLAYER (SUL) FOR PERPENDICULAR
RECORDING MEDIUM

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

March 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated December 22, 2003 in the above-referenced application. The Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of all currently pending claims of the application in light of the amendments and the remarks following.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

1. Response and Amendment;

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-4553. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp the postcard and return it to the address thereon in order to acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Carleton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Dated: March 19, 2004

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